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A PROBABLE LIQUID HYDROGEN PLANT IS NEWLY IDENTIFIED IN THE SOVIET UNION AT 41-27-20N 66-34-40E WITHIN THE CHIRCHIK ELECTROCHEMICAL COMBINE. THE SEPARATELY SECURED PLANT IS IN THE LATE STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION AND CONSISTS OF A COMPRESSOR BUILDING, A PROBABLE LIQUEFACTION BUILDING, A LARGE LIQUID LOADING FACILITY WITH A CAPACITY FOR TWENTY 80-FOOT LONG CRYOGENIC-TYPE RAIL CARS, AN ELECTRIC SUBSTATION, A GASHOLDER, AND A CYLINDRICAL TANK UNDER CONSTRUCTION. SIXTEEN OF THE 80-FOOT LONG RAIL CARS ARE SEEN WITHIN THE COMBINE, 15 ON A SIDING NEAR THE LIQUEFACTION FACILITY. CHIRCHIK IS ABOUT 350 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER, THE NEAREST POTENTIAL USE OF LIQUID HYDROGEN.

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